Emerald Coast BEST Robotics

The University of West Florida hosts the Emerald Coast BEST Robotics hub, the first BEST hub in the State of Florida. Emerald Coast BEST will hold its annual competition in the Field House at the UWF Pensacola campus on November 3, 2018.

BEST Robotics Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization. The mission of BEST is to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, and technology through participation in a sports-like, science and engineering-based robotics competition each fall. No fees are paid by students or schools participating in BEST robotics. Hub operations are funded entirely by corporate and individual sponsorships paid to the hub.

This year’s event is scheduled for November 3, 2018

Each BEST project is designed to teach teamwork, problem solving, project management, and pride in task completion within the constraints of a short time period and limited material resources. This program pits teams from middle and high schools across the region in head-to-head competition. Each student team has 6 weeks to design and build a remote-controlled robot to solve a problem or perform a specific function. Students build their robots from a materials kit provided by the hub. Each team is judged on its robot performance, oral presentation, table display, project notebook, spirit, and sportsmanship. For additional information about BEST Robotics, visit http://uwf.edu/ecbest. For additional information about the local BEST competition hub contact Sam Russel at srussel@uwf.edu.

2018 BEST Competition Schedule

Kickoff - Saturday, September 22, 2018, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, UWF Field House. The playing field will be unveiled, game rules will be released and material kits will be distributed to team representatives.

Practice Driving - Saturday, October 27, 2018, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the HLS, Bldg 72, Room 107

Competition Game Day - Saturday, November 3, 2018, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, UWF Field House
### Giving and Recognition Levels 2018

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| Premier    | ≥$15,000        | Recognition afforded Diamond level plus “sponsored by” status in all advertising for the hub  
  o Company name or logo on event t-shirts, etc. |
| Diamond    | $10,000 - $14,999 | Recognition afforded Platinum level plus  
  o Company name or logo on event t-shirts, etc. |
| Platinum   | $5,000 - $9,999  | Recognition afforded Gold level plus  
  o Company-provided banner hung in field house  
  o Appreciation plaque |
| Gold       | $2,500 - $4,999  | Recognition afforded Silver level plus  
  o Appreciation certificate |
| Silver     | $1,000 - $2,499  | Level recognition in game day program and on website |
| Bronze     | $500 - $999      | Level recognition in game day program and on website |
| BEST Friends | <$500         | Level recognition in game day program |

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______ Yes, enclosed is our gift to support BEST!

*All gifts may be made payable to the UWF Foundation, Inc., earmarked to the Emerald Coast BEST and mailed to UWF Foundation, Inc., 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514*

______ I would like to volunteer for BEST:

_____ Mentor a school  
_____ Judge the competition

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: _________________ Zip: ___________

Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: ______________________________________